

# ARTICLES

To be enquired of, in the generall  
Visitation of the Archdeacon of  
GLOCESTER.

Holden in the yeere of our Lord,  
1641.

---



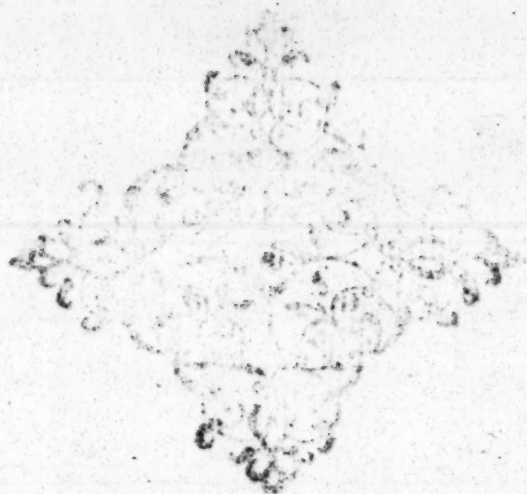
---

Printed for *Andrew Crooke*, 1641.

# ARTICLES

To be engraved in the general  
Visitation of the Archdeacon of  
GLOUCESTER.

Holden in the year of our Lord  
1641



---

Printed for Andrew Crook, 1641.



## Articles.

### CHAP. I. Concerning the Church, and all things necessary for Divine Service.

1. **I**n your Parish Church or Chapell well and sufficiently repaired every way, and decently kept?
2. Is the Chancell of your Church or Chapell well and sufficiently repaired, within and without, and decently kept?
3. Is your Churchyard, well and sufficiently fenced?
4. Have you a decent Communion Table, and all things belonging necessarily therunto for the celebrating of the Holy Communion?
5. Have you a decent Font for the administering of Baptisme?
6. Have you a comely and convenient Pulpit for the preaching of Gods word?
7. Have you a convenient and comely seat for the Minister to read the publique Prayers in?
8. Have you a Bible of the largest Volume, and last English translation, with the Common Prayer-Book well bound and kept?
9. Have you a Parishment Register Book, to keep on record the severall Christnings, Weddings and Burials within your Parish, so kept that there may be no danger of falsifying or corrupting it?

## Articles.

CHAP. 3. Concerning the Clergy, and celebration of  
Divine Service, &c.

- 1 **W**hether both your Minister annually and reverently reade Divine Service at due times and houres :
- 2 Doth your Minister Preach one Sermon at least every Lords day :
- 3 Doth your Minister administer the holy Communion so often, and at such times, as that every Parishioner may receive the same at the least thrice in the year, whereof once at Easter :
- 4 Doth your Minister give warning of the Communion at morning Prayer the Sunday before, to the better preparation thereunto :
- 5 Doth your Minister refuse or delay to Christen any child that is brought to him in the Church; knowledge thereof being given to him over night, or in the morning before Prayers :
- 6 Doth your Minister on the Lords day catechise the youth and ignorant persons of your Parish by hearing, examining and instructing of them in the Principles of Christian Religion :
- 7 Hath your Minister Curate or Lecturer publicly or privately affirmed or maintained any thing repugnant, contrary or derogatory to the 39. Articles or Doctrine of the Church of England :
- 8 Hath your Parish, heere at any time bestowed or appointed any benefice or living to any Minister, and by whole fault :
- 9 Doth your Minister, being a Preacher, labour diligently from time to time to confesse with, and thereby to reclaim the naughty recusants in his Parish from their errors, if any such recusants he there :
- 10 Doth your Minister visit such as are dangerously sick in your Parish, to instruct and comfort them in that distress.



## Articles.

- 11 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, Lecturer or Curate too much frequent or overconversant with, or a favourer of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in Religion.
- 12 Hath your Minister refused or delayed to bury the dead, such as ought to be interred in Christian buriall, having convenient warning thereof.
- 13 Doth your Minister use such decency and comeliness in his apparrell, as becometh his calling: and forbear the use of such bodily labour as is not seemly for his function.
- 14 Is your Minister, Parson, Vicar or Curate noted or defamed for incontinency, drunkennesse, or swearing; do they or either of them haunt Taverns or Ale-houses: or give themselves to gaming at dice, or other unlawfull game: or be they any other way offensive and scandalous to their function or Ministry.

### CHAP. 13. Concerning Schoolmasters, Parish-Clarks and Sextens.

- 1 **I**f there be any Schoolmasters one or more in your Parish, be they of god and sincere Religion, life and conversation, and diligent in their profession.
- 2 Do they bring their Scholers to the Church to hear Divine Service and Sermons: and do they teach them the Catechisme in Latin or English.
- 3 Doth your Schoolmaster or Schoolmasters teach any other Grammar then that which is called the Kings Grammar, set forth by the authority of King Henry the eighth.
- 4 Whether have you a fit Parish Clark, and diligent in his place.
- 5 Doth your Clark and Sexten receive their ancient usual wages without any fraude or diminution, as hath been accustomed: Or who is it, that denieth to pay such wages.

## Articles.

### C H A P. 4. Concerning Parishioners.

- 1 **I**f there any in your Parish, Inhabitant or Sojourner, Pastor or Seruant, that hath offended by Aduultery, whooredome, incest, common drunkennesse, profane and usuall swearing, ribalry (or filthy speaking) usury, or any other uncleannesse or wickednesse of life: you shall faithfully or sent the.
- 2 Have you in your Parish any Popish recusants, men, women, or children, above the age of 13. yers, whether inhabitants or sojourners and common guest: that refuse to come to Church, or coming to the Church, refuse to receive the Communion. You shall truly present them.
- 3 Be there any other who refuse or neglect to resort unto your Parish Church or Chapell accustomed upon the Lord dayes, and Holy dayes allowed by the Lawes, whether inhabiting or sojourning within your Parish?
- 4 Be there any who in the Church have behaved themselves rudely and disorderly or by walking talking or any other noise have disturbed the Minister or Preacher?
- 5 Be there any who profane the Lords day by employing themselves or their servants in their ordinary trades, or bodily labour by buying and selling, tipling, gaming, or the like. Especially at the time of Gods service.
- 6 Be there any of sixteen yers old or upwards that have not received the holy Communion this last yere, especially at Easter?
- 7 Is there any one of your Parish that denyeth the Kings supremacy in matters Ecclesiasticall as by Law it is established?
- 8 Doth any one of your Parish impugne or speak against the Common Prayer Book by law established or any of the Articles of religion agreed upon Anno Dom. 1562.
- 9 Have any of your Parish being warned thereof not sent children, servants and apprentices to Catechizing on the Lords day.

## Articles.

- 10 What Persons do stand excommunicated in your Parish? how long? and for what cause?

### CHAP. 5. Concerning Churchwardens and Sidemen.

- 1 **H**Ave you the Churchwardens been chosen according to the usuall manner in the Easter-week?
- 2 Have the last Churchwardens given up their accounts, delivering up to the Parishioners the money remaining in their hands, and other things of right belonging to your Church or Chapell.
- 3 Have the former Churchwardens and Sidemen discharged their office faithfully, taking care that the Parishioners did resort duly to the Church, and demean themselves orderly there during the time of publike Prayers and Sermon?
- 4 Did they provide against every Communion a sufficient quantity of fine white bread, and of good wholesome Wine, for the number of Communicants.
- 5 If you know any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognizance, worthy presentment in your judgement, above not expressed, you shall likewise present the same.



FINIS.

